

Governor Fletcher has introduced a new Medicaid initiative called *KyHealth Choices* (the new name for Kentucky Medicaid) that will be implemented on May 15, 2006. *KyHealth Choices* will offer Kentucky Medicaid members benefits that are customized to their specific needs. *KyHealth Choices* is designed to make Medicaid more effective and less costly by providing members with adequate resources and encouraging them to become more involved in their health care.

KyHealth Choices has four health plans:

- **Global Choices** covers the general Medicaid population
- **Family Choices** covers most children, including the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) population
- **Optimum Choices** covers Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) level of care individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities
- **Comprehensive Choices** covers nursing facility level of care individuals who are disabled

All four of the plans include basic medical services, including mental health services in inpatient and outpatient settings. *KyHealth Choices* members who are eligible for any existing waivers, such as the Home & Community Based Services (HCB) waiver, Supports for Community Living (SCL) waiver, Model II (Ventilator-Dependent) waiver, and/or the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) waiver, will continue to receive waiver services through those specific programs.

Most members will need to pay a co-payment for some services and prescriptions; however, **members are not required to pay the new copayment amounts until June 1, 2006.** The maximum out of pocket expense that members will be required to pay is \$225 for healthcare services per year and \$225 for prescriptions per year. Members will not receive a new Medicaid card and may continue to use their current cards.

If you are a Provider and have questions about *KyHealth Choices*, you may call the Kentucky Medicaid Automated Voice Response System at 1-800-807-1301.

If you are a Member and have questions about *KyHealth Choices*, you may call 1-800-635-2570.